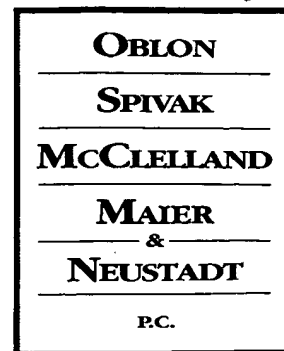


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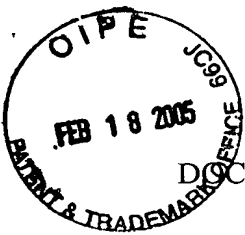
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In response to the Notice of Allowance dated December 15, 2004 and supplemental to the 1.312 Amendment filed January 31, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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